



Queen Anne Cobblestone

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Landmark Recognition Plaque for Wilke Farmhouse

By Sue DeRosa

There are few intact residences constructed prior to 1900 still existing in Seattle. Queen Anne is lucky enough to have one at 1920 Second Avenue N. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1974, the Wilke Farm house, built in 1898, was recognized on Sunday, August 24, 2008 with a plaque honoring its history, unveiled at the home's front entrance.

Funded by a grant from the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Washington, and with the assistance of Hoffman Construction, the new bronze plaque is the first of an ongoing series of markers to be placed in recognition of Queen Anne Hill landmarks. The Wilke house is an

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Seattle rains could not dampen the celebration of the new recognition plaque at the Wilke farmhouse. On the right are owners Hilde and David Ko. At left is Society president Char Eggleston, being sheltered by Peter Lawrence.

Photo by Bruce Jones

LOST HOUSES OF QUEEN ANNE! QUEEN ANNE'S FORMER GRANDE DAMES WED. SEPT. 24TH, 7:00 PM

They were grand, they were examples of Seattle success, and they're all gone!

Early Queen Anne residences and their owners' stories will be presented at the first meeting of the new season on Sept. 24th, using historical photos of houses and residents to guide us in a visit to the Queen Anne Hill of the early 20th century. Some of these homes were the very houses that gave Queen Anne its name. **Bruce Jones, Society Archivist**, will be our speaker. He is becoming well known for his Past and Present slide shows of various Queen Anne neighborhoods.

The new and popular Queen Anne Public Stairs map will also be available to purchase at the meeting.

Join your friends and neighbors for this free and fascinating program.

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St.

Queen Anne Historical Society meetings are free and open to the public. For more information contact John Hennes, 206-284-2266.



C.H. Lilly House
From Homes & Gardens of the Pacific Coast

Membership Notice—New Renewal Dates!

The Membership Year has been changed to Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. We will be asking for your renewals for 2009 in November and December of this year.

To learn more, call our new Membership Chair, Tara Lawrence, 206-281-8430, tara@qahistory.org.



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CALENDAR OF HERITAGE EVENTS

Wed. Sept. 24, 2008

QAHS Program: Queen Anne's Grand Homes of the Past, by Bruce Jones. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story p. 1.)

Wed. Nov. 26, 2008

QAHS Program: Washington Then & Now, by Paul Dorpat and Jean Sherrard. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. Jan. 28, 2009

QAHS Program: The Ballard Locks, by Jay Wells (rescheduled from January 2008). McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. Feb. 24, 2009

Event: QAHS hosts the Assoc. of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO) meeting. Seattle Church of Christ (7th Church), 9:30 am. In work.

Wed. Mar. 25, 2009

QAHS Program: The Centennial of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Location TBD, 7:30 pm. Free.

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Tour Celebrates Women of the Northwest

This year's cemetery tour of Queen Anne's own historical cemetery, Mount Pleasant, at 7th Ave. W. and W. Raye St. was held on a sunny Saturday, June 28.

Over 40 people walked the grounds hearing stories of Northwest women who made a difference. Guides were our usual stalwarts: Del Loder, John Hennes, Bob Frazier and Kim Turner, joined by two new faces, Trish Nicola and Arlene Cherwin.

At the gravesite for Mary Middleton Martin, the deceased woman's husband, Kenneth, and daughter, Gillian, joined the tour for some touching stories about their late mother and wife.



Kenneth Martin and his late wife Mary Middleton, pictured in 1944 in Auckland, New Zealand.

New Map of QA Stairways a Big Hit

We all know that walking up and down hills is good for us. Aren't Queen Anners lucky then to have a new stairs map to follow when going up and down those hills!

The charming new map of Queen Anne, showing all of its public stairways, was unveiled at the May 28 annual meeting at the newly reopened Queen Anne Library. A turn-away crowd of over 100 showed up to hear map author Thomas Horton describe the map and the stairways of our hill.

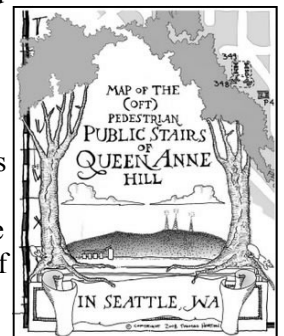
The map is now available for all to buy and use.

For \$5.00 plus \$1.50 shipping you can obtain the map by mail or through the Society's website.

On line, go to www.qahistory.org and click on the picture of the map.

By mail, send a check to QAHS, PO Box 19432, Seattle, WA 98109. Include a note requesting the map and give your mailing address and phone number, should we need to get in touch with you.

Autumn is here and now is the time to get out and explore the stairways of Queen Anne!



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community in Seattle, WA and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

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example of 19th century vernacular small farm architecture.

The home's present owners, David and Hildy Ko, Society members and neighbors, braved the rainy weather and enjoyed a tour of the home, inside and out. Many stories were told of the history of the house and neighborhood. Refreshments were served, while everyone viewed newspaper articles about the home and its original owners, Charles Wilke (b. ca 1863) and Wilkelmina 'Minnie' Wilke (b. ca 1869).

Don't miss this gem when strolling Queen Anne's neighborhoods.



The Ko family holding their new recognition plaque. David and Hildy Ko, owners, are at top right and middle left. Their children are Alexander (top left), Roxi and Travis (front).

HERITAGE NEWS

New Board of Trustees Elected and Officers Chosen

The QAHS board of trustees are elected each May for a one-year term. At the annual meeting on May 28, three new members were elected.

Sue DeRosa, Tara Lawrence and Leona Wilkinson will join former members Char Eggleston, Isabel Egglin, Bruce Jones, John Hennes, Del Loder, Ruth Matthews, Holly Smith and Kim Turner. Retiring from the board were Bob Frazier and Trish Nicola.

The listing on page 2 describes the board and how to reach them.

At the June 11 board meeting the

officers for the coming year were chosen: President-Char Eggleston, Vice President-Bruce Jones, Secretary-Holly Smith and Treasurer-Will Shopes. Subsequent to the election our long time treasurer, Will Shopes, announced he, too, would be resigning.

Distinguished Queen Anners

The Distinguished Queen Anne Citizen Committee is being revived as a subcommittee of the Society's Research Committee. This was a committee during preparation for the history book. It met for several months, producing Appendix A in the book.

This summer, led by Bob Frazier, Marion Parker, Del Loder and Bob have met three times to revive the committee and begin its work of researching and publicizing the names of Queen Anne citizens who have contributed their time and talent to society and achieved some recognition or honors.

They are looking for others to join with them. For more information, contact Del Loder (206-282-8771) or Bob Frazier (206-285-0958). **You are invited to the next meeting at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, October 1, at Merrill Gardens, hosted by Marion Parker.**

Historic Seattle Recognizes Two Society Board Members

At the Feb. 17 Volunteer Appreciation Celebration of Historic Seattle,

two QAHS members received awards. Sue DeRosa was named "Volunteer of the Year" and Bruce Jones was named "Outstanding Project Lead". This notice may be a little late, but "huzzahs" to both!

Ankeny House Now a Seattle Landmark

The historic Ankeny House, at 912 2nd Ave. W. was designated a Seattle Landmark on July 16 by the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board. The 1891 Queen Anne shingle-style house is owned by Mark and Nadine Huck, who prepared their own nomination.

The Society was given a tour of the house last September and noted its many interesting design features. The Society congratulates the Huck family for their devotion to preservation of Seattle's architectural history.

Seventh Church Building (Seattle Church of Christ) to be Nominated for Landmark Status

With the cooperation of Rev. Jay Kelly and the church membership and with nomination development by Larry Johnson, supported by the QAHS and Chris Moore of the Washington Trust, the Seventh Church will soon be nominated as a Seattle Landmark.

The church will benefit by becoming eligible for building preservation loans and grants. Seattle will, hopefully, benefit by preservation of the wonderful 1926 Harlan Thomas designed Neo-Byzantine classic. Stay tuned!

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$50 - \$199
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$200 & up
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Senior	\$8	<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution only, \$	_____

☐ I would like to become active in the Society.

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I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne: Community on the Hill*, or the new *Stairs Map*. Mailing costs additional.

Prices are:

Soft cover: \$25
(\$20 for members)

Hard cover: \$45
(\$40 for members)

Stairs Map: \$5

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty: _____; Cost _____

Hard cover qty: _____; Cost _____

Stairs Map qty: _____; Cost _____

Plus mailing costs at \$3/book

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Total Cost: \$ _____

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Coming up: Lost houses on Queen Anne. What were they like? Find out at the Wed. Sept. 24th general meeting at the McClure Middle School Library, at 7:30 pm. Story on page 1.

KIM'S MUSINGS

Looking Back at Century 21

Election years bring back memories of previous campaigns, buttons, and visits from elected officials. Seattle has been host to many presidents and heads of state. Few of them have had any direct ties to Queen Anne Hill. The sole exception, to my knowledge thus far, was President John F. Kennedy, who visited the Seattle World's Fair in 1962. He had been here a year earlier to give the commencement address at the University of Washington for its centennial in 1961.

But it is not of Kennedy that I wish to speak, so much as the World's Fair, Seattle's second successful international fair, its first being the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in 1909. The Century 21 Exposition took up 74 acres, bounded by Mercer and Broad Streets, Denny Way, and various streets on its western side, including Warren Avenue and Second Avenue North. Exhibits came from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. The French exhibit had perfume fountains and high fashion; the Canadian exhibit had one of the most attractive fountains, which is still there, adjacent to the Northwest exhibit rooms. Some of the buildings were remodeled from the former Civic Auditorium complex, including the Ice

Arena, Veterans Hall and the adjoining High School Memorial Stadium. The former National Guard Armory became the "Food Circus" which introduced Seattle residents to such exotic new foods as Mongolian Grilled Steak, Belgian Waffles, and Orange Julius. Jackie Souders, a local band leader who graduated from Queen Anne High School, was the World's Fair bandleader, taking the band on circuits of the fairgrounds several times daily.

What Queen Anne lost to create the fairgrounds were over one hundred single-family homes, numerous apartments, the fire station (where the Space Needle now stands, and the Warren Avenue Elementary School, located between Republican and Harrison, facing Warren Avenue. The school existed from 1902 through 1959, serving the needs of lower Queen Anne's families, especially after the closing in 1935 of the Mercer School, which gave way to the Seattle Public Schools Administration Building, which in turn gave way to Merrill Gardens. Key Arena, formerly the Washington State Coliseum, now stands where Warren School once stood.

It is worth recognizing that as things from the past give way to the future, the memories of those "ghosts" linger in the minds of the living.

Kim R. Turner, Researcher, QAHs

Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?

Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.